

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1210
By Hargett

A RESOLUTION to recognize Bonita T. Grumme on the occasion
of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those educators who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Bonita Grumme is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for twenty-five years as a Principal in the Shelby County School system and most recently as Principal of Ellendale Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Grumme will be taking a much deserved retirement at the end of the school year; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Indiana State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education and a graduate of Memphis State University with a Master of Arts degree in Educational Administration and Supervision, Mrs. Grumme began her illustrious tenure in education in 1963; and

WHEREAS, having taught at schools in Indiana, Virginia, and Shelby County, Tennessee, Mrs. Grumme has distinguished herself as a consummate professional and exemplary leader; and

WHEREAS, during her seven-year tenure at Ellendale Elementary School, Mrs. Grumme has been responsible for the implementation of numerous beneficial programs, including family activities such as Donuts with Dad, Muffins with Mom, Goodies with Grandparents, Family 50s Night, and Family Pottery Night, as well as the creation of an outdoor classroom and the implementation of updated classroom technology accompanied by staff development technology training; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Grumme is currently directing and producing "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" which will be the school's first musical; after her retirement, she plans to continue donating her time and talents to the school through volunteer activities; and

WHEREAS, her successor, Dr. Bess Anne McKnight, has described Mrs. Grumme as having "Established such a great reputation for success."; and

WHEREAS, an active and important part of her community and profession, Mrs. Grumme has participated in numerous worthy organizations, including the Shelby County Elementary Principals Association, serving as Chairperson, the State of Tennessee Title One Task Force Advisory Committee, Alpha Delta Kappa, serving as President, Phi Delta Kappa, West Tennessee and Area 16 Principals Study Council, serving as Chairperson, and the Steering Committee of the Tennessee State Principals Study Council; and

WHEREAS, earning the unbridled respect of her peers, faculty, staff, students, and parents alike, Mrs. Grumme has been selected as a Distinguished Administrator, Tennessee Jaycees Outstanding Young Educator, and Middle School Principal of the Year for Shelby County in addition to being included in the *Who's Who in American Education* and selected as a Finalist in the *Reader's Digest* American Heroes Program; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Grumme also contributes her time and numerous talents to various educational conventions and workshops as a Presenter, Speaker, and Panelist, and is the author of a public speaking manual, children's books, and poetry; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Grumme exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, her personal and professional accomplishments aside, Mrs. Grumme is most proud of her two daughters, Susan and Joann, her two granddaughters, Katherine Claire and Haley Elise, and her two grandsons, Hayden and Tyler; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Mrs. Grumme has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, and she exemplifies the attributes of a dedicated and caring educator; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Bonita T. Grumme for her excellent service to the

children of this State as a teacher and principal in Shelby County and extend to her our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.